

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9065–S9097

Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1646–1648, and S. Res. 251–252. **Page S9078**

Measures Passed:

National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 241, designating the period beginning on September 13, 2009, and ending on September 19, 2009, as “National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week”, and supporting the goals and ideals of a National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease and the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9090–91**

Government of Afghanistan Elections: Senate agreed to S. Res. 251, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of Afghanistan, with the support of the international community, should fulfill its obligations to ensure that women fully participate as candidates and voters in the August 20, 2009, presidential and provincial council elections in Afghanistan. **Page S9091**

Authorizing Photograph in Senate Chamber: Senate agreed to S. Res. 252, authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber in the United States Senate. **Page S9091**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99–498, as amended by Public Law 110–315, appointed the following individuals to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Sharon Wurm of Nevada and John McNamara of Illinois. **Page S9091**

Authority for Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Senate’s recess, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters

on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, from 12 noon until 2 p.m. **Page S9091**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Pages S9091–92**

Sunstein Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. **Page S9095**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, September 9, 2009. **Pages S9095–96**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the pro forma session on Monday, August 10, 2009 not count as the intervening day. **Page S9096**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Jo-Ellen Darcy, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

A. Thomas McLellan, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Wilma A. Lewis, of the Virgin Islands, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Philip L. Verveer, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and U. S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy.

Colin Scott Cole Fulton, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Alejandro N. Mayorkas, of California, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

Cranston J. Mitchell, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

Deborah Matz, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring April 10, 2015. (Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Raymond M. Jefferson, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years. (Prior to this action, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 29, 2012. (Prior to this action, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Preet Bharara, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

Tristram J. Coffin, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years.

B. Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

John P. Kacavas, of New Hampshire, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years.

Joyce White Vance, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Mexico.

Robert S. Adler, of North Carolina, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2007.

Maria Otero, of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Democracy and Global Affairs).

Robert V. Abbey, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Michael Anthony Battle, Sr., of Georgia, to be Representative of the United States of America to

the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Martha Larzelere Campbell, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Rocco Landesman, of New York, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years.

James J. Markowsky, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Warren F. Miller, Jr., of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

David J. Kappos, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Craig E. Hooks, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to Georgia.

Ertharin Cousin, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

James B. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

Kenneth E. Gross, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan.

Teddy Bernard Taylor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Joan M. Evans, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional and Legislative Affairs). (Prior to this action, Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

John Victor Roos, of California, to be Ambassador to Japan.

Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2012.

Judith Gail Garber, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia.

Kerri-Ann Jones, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

David Killion, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

James Knight, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

Karen Kornbluh, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Bruce J. Oreck, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

Patricia D. Cahill, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2014.

Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., of Utah, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Douglas W. Kmiec, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

Jonathan S. Addleton, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

Susan L. Kurland, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to Sweden.

William Carlton Eacho III, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

Christopher P. Bertram, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Philip D. Murphy, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Francis S. Collins, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health.

James A. Leach, of Iowa, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years.

Glyn T. Davies, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Glyn T. Davies, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

Aaron S. Williams, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2013.

Dennis F. Hightower, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Alexander G. Garza, of Missouri, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security. (Prior to this action, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Kelvin James Cochran, of Louisiana, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security. (Prior to this action, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

David Edward Demag, of Vermont, to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont for the term of four years.

Anne M. Northup, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2004.

A routine list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Pages S9092–95, S9096–97**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Barry B. White, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Norway. **Page S9096**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 12:16 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9096.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.